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Fort Riley Post

Time changes Sunday

Daylight Saving Time reverts to standard time at 2 a.m. this Sunday, the last Sunday of October. Remember to turn all clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

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Brigade helps renovated kindergarten in Baghdad

By John S. Wollaston
3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq - For most kids in America, the first day of school is a letdown. That's because it means that summer is officially over and their time to play has been drastically reduced, being replaced with things like homework, science projects and book reports.

In Baghdad, however, the reaction is quite the opposite. For school children in the Iraqi capital, they feel lucky that there is a school building standing for them to return to.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Saddam Hussein's forces frequently used schools as command posts and ammunition bunkers. The Abu Gharib Kindergarten School was no different. When 3rd Brigade Soldiers first came to the school they found ammo of every size and shape. AK-47s littered the ground and the building had been stripped of anything useable.

"There were no windows, no doors. There was trash everywhere," according to the school's principal, Afaf Abdul Aziz. "It was Saddam's trash."

So, you can imagine the surprise on the faces of the kindergartners at the Abu Gharib Kindergarten School when they arrived for their first day to find brand new signs and a fresh coat of paint on the outside of the building. Upon entering the building, there was new carpet, new furniture and play equipment waiting for them, as well.

The renovations were courtesy of Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. Working with local contractors, the school received new water pipes, electrical wiring and the aforementioned paint and carpet. The money for this project came from a rather interesting source, Saddam Hussein himself, to the tune of \$78,000.

"What we did was take money that was seized from Saddam Hussein and put it to good use,"

said Capt. Thane Thompson, a civil affairs officer attached to 3rd Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment. "So really, Saddam's riches are what allowed us to rebuild this school."

The Soldiers of the Bulldog Brigade actually began their efforts to restore the schools in their area of operation last spring. Quick fixes for the electricity and water were made and donated exam books and pencils were handed out to allow students to take their final tests to complete a school year interrupted by Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The real work to fix schools began in earnest this summer, and the school in Abu Gharib is just one example of how that hard work is paying off.

One thing that kindergartners in Iraq and the U.S. seem to share are first day jitters. While many of the kids were excitedly chatting with newly-made friends,



A 3rd Brigade Soldier hands out reading materials at the newly renovated Abu Gharib Kindergarten School in Baghdad.

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Fort Riley works with communities on Joint Land Use Study

By Sam Robinson
Staff Writer

Most military installations are located near the perimeter of urban areas. The close proximity originally allowed the military to provide defense and security to nearby communities, yet benefit from the open space needed to carry out maneuvers.

Over time, however, urban growth and development has increased near installations and land use conflicts between mission activities and civilian settlements have increased.

Military operations can be loud and

present safety concerns for nearby communities. On the other hand, when new urban centers build next to the fence line of active military bases, the operational effectiveness, training and readiness missions can be impaired.

Realizing that a positive working relationship between an installation, such as Fort Riley, and surrounding

communities is crucial for mission success, the Department of Defense supports the use of a Joint Land Use Study.

A JLUS is a cooperative land use planning effort between military installations and the surrounding communities. JLUS is designed to allow for community growth and development that is compatible with

the training or operational missions of the military installation.

"A typical JLUS identifies actions that could be taken by the community and the installation that together would solve existing problems and prevent future ones," said Dave Jones, environmental protection specialist at Fort Riley.

Participation is approved through the Department of Defense and the JLUS program is managed through the Office of Economic Adjustment. According to the OEA, criteria for awarding a JLUS include: civilian encroachment, community relations, environmental, economic and safety concerns, match funding and the likelihood of plan implementation.

"JLUS is to help the surrounding communities understand the economic and physical impact of an installation's operations."

—Dave Jones
Environmental Protection Specialist

"JLUS is to help the surrounding communities understand the economic and physical impact of an installation's operations," said Jones. He also said the JLUS is to evaluate the impacts of a community's development decisions on the viability of the installation's mission.

Congress authorized the JLUS program in 1985. Currently, 33 installations have completed a JLUS, while 34 installations, including Fort Riley, have studies that are ongoing.

Fort Riley was nominated and approved for JLUS participation in Sep-

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Kearney welcomed to division, Fort Riley

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Fort Riley welcomed its new Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) during a ceremony held on Cavalry Parade Field Oct. 17.

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney said that it was great to be associated with the post and its surrounding towns.

"The reputation of Fort Riley, Junction City and Manhattan proceeds our arrival, and at Fort Bragg, (N.C.) and at the (Special Operations Command), we were routinely told about the great experience we were about to undertake at Fort Riley, Kan.," he said. "Everyone spoke of the quarters — and as you drive into the post and look at the magnificent limestone structures here, you feel a link back in time to history. Not every site is like this."

Cot. Thomas G. Luebker, assistant division commander (support), 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, welcomed the Kearneys to Fort Riley on behalf of Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, who was at Fort Bragg preparing the 30th Heavy Enhanced Brigade for deployment.

"Fort Riley today is getting a whole lot more than a brigadier general," he said. "Fort Riley today is getting a genuine Soldier. Tom Landry (Dallas Cowboys head coach from 1960-1988) used to say when you score a touchdown, act like you've been there before. When you have the opportunity to meet Frank and Betty-Sue Kearney, you're going to

quickly realize that these people have been there before."

Luebker was referring to Kearney's military experience, which has spanned over 27 years. Kearney was commissioned in the Infantry following graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in June 1976. After the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Ranger Course, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo., where he served at almost every position, from platoon leader to company commander.

Next, Kearney was assigned to 2nd Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash., and later in the 3rd Battalion at Fort Benning, Ga. In June 1993, he assumed command of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He commanded the 3rd Ranger Battalion at Fort Benning followed by assignment to Carlisle, Penn., for the War College. He also commanded an Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, and had an assignment to the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg before coming to Fort Riley.

During his career, Kearney has been on numerous deployments, including two combat jumps in support of Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti. He has also been assigned to the Balkans on several occasions and combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom. Until September



Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander (maneuver), 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, speaks to the crowd at his welcoming ceremony on Cavalry Parade Field Oct. 17.

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Engineers build berms to protect troops in Iraq

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

CAMP JUNCTION CITY, Ar Ramadi, Iraq—Improvements to Camp Junction City are being made daily. One of the first orders of business for the 1st Engineer Battalion is the building up of the protective berm around the camp.

The project has been underway for the better part of two weeks and is estimated to be complete in another seven days.

Soldiers move about 600 meters of dirt in a day, said Staff Sgt. Robert Mareno, heavy equipment construction supervisor and project manager, Headquarters and Headquarters Company/Combat Support Equipment, 1st Eng. Bn.

"We start from inside the compound and put the bulldozer blade in the ground," he said. "We push the ground up onto itself until we meet the designated height ..."

The berm consists of more than just dirt.

"We add rubble and abandoned vehicles to the base of the berm to make it stronger," said Mareno.

The material that adds strength to the structure is found on the camp itself.

"There are several buildings still on the camp that are unusable," explained Mareno. The demolishing of the buildings also helps break the monotony of the job.

"We let the Soldiers demolish them and add them to the berm," he added. "The rubble is picked up by a crane with a clam shell and dumped into a 20-ton dump truck, which deposits it to the base of the berm."

With the season about to change, the weather won't be a factor in the durability of the berm.

"The base is moist already, and we have enough strength built in that the elements should not deteriorate it," said White.

"If it does, we will push it up again," said Mareno.

The morale of the builders is high.

"The Soldiers come in every morning eager to work, and they fight for time on the 'dozers,'" said Mareno.

One of the things that helps keep the morale high is being able to see their progress.

"They can look behind them and see that wall and know that they are accomplishing something," said Staff Sgt. Chuck Kelly. "They are motivated and eager to do what they came here to do."



Detachment from 1st Brigade takes on personal security

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

When the 1st Brigade Combat Team commander leaves Camp Junction City for any reason, he is protected by the personal security detachment.

The personal security detachment consists of 19 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery who volunteered to protect the brigade commander and the brigade command sergeant major. Noncommissioned officers were interviewed for the job, and they then handpicked the Soldiers on the team.

To enable them to do their jobs, they are equipped with an array of weapons.

"We are armed to the teeth," said Sgt. Scott Urban, a PSD team

leader.

The team is made up of volunteer Soldiers from different companies in the battalion. They received two weeks of rigorous, intense training before leaving Fort Riley, Kan.

"There is no book on how to do this," said Staff Sgt. Bryant Anderson, a PSD noncommissioned officer in charge. "We worked with the military police at Fort Riley and looked at the rules of engagement and figured things out from there."

"We were trained in search techniques, patrol techniques, room clearing techniques, personal security techniques and high speed driving techniques," said Sgt. Scott Urban, a PSD team leader.

Three of the drivers for the

PSD went to a class on antiterrorist driving sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The class was a week long at Fort Leonard Wood," explained Urban. "It was a week that we didn't get to spend with our families before we left, but it was still fun."

The Soldiers of the PSD are always on call, but accept that as part of the job.

"[The colonel] could get a call in the middle of the night to go to division headquarters, and we would be there to take him," said Anderson.

"Last minute notice isn't bad," said Urban. "It's not always knowing what we are getting into...."

"We could just be taking him to division headquarters, but you

never know what [enemy forces] could be doing out there," said Anderson.

In order to deal with some of the uncertainty that comes with the job, Sgt. 1st Class Scott Gibson, PSD NCOIC, makes sure he gives his Soldiers as much information as he can.

"Because we are as well informed as we can be, we have a better understanding of what our game plan is once we get on site," said Anderson. "We don't have to do a lot of talking. We already know what every man has to do. It makes it easier for us."

Each member of the team enjoys different aspects of their job.

"I feel like we are making a difference here," said Pfc. Jonathan Belew. "These people have never had freedom like this. If we come here and help them just a little bit, then that's a good thing."

"The biggest thing I've learned is how to trust and make sure everyone does their job," said Pvt. 2 Richard Vanhorn. "The best part has been the camaraderie that has developed."

For Anderson, the job has been an extension of what he did while serving as a driver in the first Gulf War.

"I get to see a lot of things that most of these guys won't get to see, good or bad," he said. "We have first hand, first sight knowledge. A lot of times we are not the first ones on site, but we get to see things a few minutes after they first happen — the results of it."

Many of the Soldiers said they have learned a lot in the time they have already served as PSD.

"I have learned that no matter how hard it gets, you keep your

head up and just keep going," said Spec. Juan Cruz. "There are going to be roller coasters of ups and downs, but you keep doing your job."

The Soldiers have kept their sense of humor about what is important to them.

"I learned that it takes 1200 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop," said Spec. Freddy Ojeda with a crooked smile. "Sgt. Urban and I also sing country songs when we roll out. He sings in English and I sing in Spanish — at the same time. It's very entertaining to everyone."

While the Soldiers can still laugh with and at each other, they deal daily with the stress of being in a hostile environment.

"You have to watch out for the colonel out there," said Urban. "You're not just protecting yourself, you have to keep one eye constantly on him and the other constantly out."

"You have to be focused," agreed Anderson. "You have to watch your attention span, because if you blink you can miss something."

The PSD team spends more time outside the gates than most Soldiers, said Anderson. "It's important to note that PSD has sustained no serious injuries, yet," he said. "We are doing our best, and hopefully this will end quick and we will all come home quick."



By Jamie Bender

A member of the Personal Security Team mans a .50 caliber machine gun while escorting a convoy from one camp to another.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



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Dakota Soldiers going to board

By Sean Douglas McBurney
1st Battalion, 13th Armor

It is time again for another Soldier of the Quarter board for 1st Armored Division, and Task Force 1st Battalion, 13th Armor has two Soldiers from Company B representing Task Force Dakota and the Bulldog Brigade.

Sgt. Timothy M. Quinn, supply sergeant, from Saratoga Springs, NY and Spc. Issac Scott Westbrook, a crewmember of B65, from Pinetop, Ariz., were nomi-

nated by their platoon sergeants based on their performance within their platoons. They both then went to their platoon and company boards. After those successes, they went straight to the battalion board, where there was lots of competition.

Quinn, a prior service Marine whose wife, Julie, and three children are back in the U.S., had this to say about the experience. "It's taught me a lot about Army history, particularly about our Battalion and 1st AD. Going in, I was determined to do my best. Many

people who get nominated for these Boards don't want to go and try to slide through it. But, I try to do the best job that I can, however I can."

For Westbrook, Fort Riley is his first duty station, and he is driven to excel in the boards because it would make his family, wife, Paige, and their sons, proud. "I like the challenge of it," he said. "I want to win in everything that I do, no matter what."

These Soldiers will now proceed to the 1st Armored Division Board, Nov. 6 and 7.

DFAS officials caution against look-alike commercial websites

DoD Release

Officials caution the 2 million military and civilian users of myPay to use only the official website when accessing pay account information.

"Personal information is valuable and should be safeguarded," said Claudia L. Bogard, director of corporate communications for

the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. "Don't provide your personal information to any Web site unless you know it can be trusted."

Look-alike sites have recently frustrated myPay customers who have been confused by accidentally finding their way to a commercial site that is in no way affiliated with DFAS or the Department

of Defense.

MyPay is a secure, DFAS-operated Web site that lets active-duty, National Guard and Reserve servicemembers, civilian employees, and military retirees and annuitants take charge of their pay accounts online. The DFAS myPay Web site is found at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Make medical appointments online

TRICARE release

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries now have the power to schedule their routine or follow-up primary care appointments on a dot-com website. As of this month, Irwin Army Community Hospital's beneficiaries may go to www.tricare-online.com at any time.

According to the TRICARE Management Activity, Fort Carson, Colo., the website has the goal of making TRICARE healthcare services portable, secure and

universal. It was designed in response to beneficiary requests for greater access and convenience. TRICARE Management Activity anticipates that TRICARE Online may reach 8.7 million eligible health-care beneficiaries.

The TRICARE Online website offers access to IACH clinics and the hospital's health-care providers' web pages. In addition, beneficiaries may create a Personal Health Journal at this website, obtain drug information about

possible side effects or drug interactions and obtain information on TRICARE benefits and services.

TRICARE Online brochures and mini CDs will be available in several areas of the hospital beginning Monday. Beneficiaries can find the information next to TRICARE

Online posters at IACH. For more information or to request a speaker, call Emilie Howe, Medical Department Activity's Public Affairs Officer, 239-7250.

Talk Around Town

"Are you participating in the Combined Federal Campaign?"



"I've been contributing since 1980, when I was in the Army. It's just the right thing to do."

Chris Cullen
Customer Support Rep.
Defense Logistics
Agency



"Yes, I am giving because we get a chance to contribute to agencies we, the Soldiers, might use, such as the Red Cross."

Staff Sgt. Tahisha Reid
Property Book NCO
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
24th Infantry Division



"Yes, I contribute because I can choose which organizations I want to support. I can support organizations I am passionate about."

Capt. Michael Searcy
Executive Officer,
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
24th Infantry Division

Fort Riley soldier dies in Iraq

The Department of Defense announced that Pvt. 2 Jason M. Ward, 25, of Tulsa, Okla., died Oct. 22 in Baghdad, Iraq.

Ward was assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. He joined the Army in April 2002 and has been stationed at Fort Riley since September 2002. He was assigned to the unit as a tanker and deployed to Iraq in March 2003.

Ward died of non-combat related injuries. He is the ninth Fort Riley soldier who has died while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Fort Riley commanders, soldiers, civilian employees and Family Readiness Groups are providing ongoing assistance to all families of soldiers supporting the war effort and are prepared to continue around the clock assistance throughout this operation.

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ber 2003, Kearney was the deputy commanding general for operations, Joint Special Operations Command, and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Luebker said during his speech that there was only one person he knows who has been through more than Kearney.

"Out of all his strengths, there's only one person here stronger than Brig. Gen. Kearney, and that's clearly Betty-Sue, because how in the world did you spend 27 years with a guy who's out there doing all those sorts of things," he said.

For Kearney, being on Fort Riley is a chance to be a part of something special.

"Standing here, I had a great view looking out at the National Colors, the Army Flag with its

streamers, the 24th Infantry Division colors and the colors of the different organizations here representing the great lineage and link back to the Revolutionary War through today, where Soldiers from two of our brigade combat

teams, our engineer group, our individual augmentees and our reserve components are working to put new streamers on those flags," he said. "They are great warriors, on a great post and we're happy to be here."

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Briefs

Junior College Basketball

King Field House will host a Junior College Basketball game between Barton County Community College and Independence Junior College Sunday, 3 p.m.

Come see some of the best Junior College Basketball in the country and enjoy half-time performances by the Barton County Community College dance team and cheerleaders. Admission is free.

Fall Classic Golf

The Fort Riley Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be Nov. 7 at Custer Hill Golf Course. Tee time is 10 a.m.

Close the golf season the right way, sign up for this four-person scramble. The tournament features 100 percent payback of the prize fund. Food, limited beverages and golf carts will be provided, along with complimentary Tee gifts.

The entry fee is \$35 per person or \$140 per team. Sign up by Nov. 5. Forms are available at the course. Call 784-6000 for more information.

Trick or Treat Hours

The Trick or Treat hours on Fort Riley are Oct. 31, 5 - 8 p.m.

Sight Night

The Girl Scouts will be collecting old and outdated glasses (prescription and non prescription) on Halloween while Trick or Treating. This is a Community Service Project for the Scouts. Further info is on www.sightnight.org. Call 717-2964 if you have any questions.

Hallelujah Night

There will be an inspirational fall festival Oct. 31, 7 - 9 p.m. at Morris Hill Chapel. It will be focused on spiritual principles and refreshments will be served.

SFSC Class

The Soldier and Family Support Center Family Readiness Program is sponsoring a class, Assertiveness vs. Anger - Coping with Your Emotions During Deployment, Nov. 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at building 7264. There will be free childcare on site. Children should be signed in by 6:15. Bring your child's shot records.

Wreath Laying

The annual German and Italian Wreath Laying Ceremony will be conducted at the Fort Riley Post Cemetery, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. During the ceremony, Fort Riley will honor the German and Italian Prisoners of War buried at the Fort Riley Cemetery.

Col. Rainer Waelde, the German Liaison Officer to the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, will preside. Senior German and Italian representatives in attendance will give commemorative remarks. Placement of wreaths by the German and Italian delegations will follow the remarks. An honor guard from Fort Riley will honor the German and Italian dead with a rifle salute and a bugler will play both German and Italian versions of Taps. The ceremony is open to the public.

Volunteers Needed

The Kansas Special Olympics will be holding their Fall Classic at the Custer Hill Bowling Center

Nov. 7-8. There is a need for volunteers Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 12:30-5 p.m. Call Sgt. Christy Hawkins, 239-6737 or 239-2119, or e-mail christy.hawkins@us.army.mil, to volunteer.

Special Forces

The Special Forces Recruiting Team will be visiting Fort Riley Nov. 3 - 6.

Briefings will be held at Post Retention, building 7626, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 4, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Nov. 5, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Soldiers in the rank of E3 to E7 and 2LT/1LT are eligible for applications.

There will be a PT Test on Nov. 5 and 6, 7 a.m., at Long Track. The uniform for the test is BDU's and running shoes. Please contact (719)524-1461 for more information.

OCSC Luncheon

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club will have a luncheon Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m., at the Junction City Country Club. The menu will include a salad, soup, and sandwich bar. Build your own turkey, ham or roast beef sandwich. The soup of the week is to be determined and desert will be served. Tea, coffee and water will also be included. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.

The guest speaker will be Pauline Myers and Jerry Hume of Ben Franklin Crafts in Manhattan. As you make your reservations for the luncheon, be certain to reserve a craft kit for \$5 or less, then "Make and Take" your craft home from the luncheon.

Reservations are required for the luncheon. You should RSVP to Connie Taylor, 784-5111, by Nov. 12.

Leaf Pick-up

Leaf pick-up with the Public Works leaf vacuum machine will commence in areas of heavy tree concentration Nov. 3. Weather permitting, the leaf pick-up schedule is as follows, with emphasis given to Family Housing areas in these locations: Main Post - Mondays and Tuesdays, Marshall Army Air Field - Wednesdays, Camp Forsyth - Thursdays and Custer Hill and other areas - Fridays.

Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked/piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate in November as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal.

Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days. Bagged leaves should not weight any more than 40 pounds each. The trash collection contractor will not pick up leaves for activities serviced by dumpsters. These units will be required to haul their leaves to the yard waste compost area near building 1945, Camp Funston. Leaves may be hauled loose or in bags, but all leaves must be deposited loose into the compost. Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied.

Exercise on Post

There will be an exercise held on Fort Riley Nov. 12 that will include raising the Force Protection Condition level up one, from Alpha to Bravo, on that day only.

Crazy Hat Dinner

The Enlisted Spouse's Club invites members of the Officer's and Civilian's Spouse's Club to come out for an evening of food and fun Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Rally Point. Cost is \$10 and includes dinner and fun. Wear the craziest hat you can make or find and win some great prizes. RSVP and payment are due by tomorrow. ESC members, call 784-3191 or 784-8306, and OCSC members, call 784-5111 or 537-1116.

Post Graduation Ceremony

Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of a local college or SOCAD college programs are invited to participate in the Fort Riley Post-wide Graduation ceremony Dec. 4 at King Field House. Counseling services at the Learning Centers will not be available on that afternoon for the ceremony. For more information, call 239-6481.

USA Express

The Army Community and Family Support Center is currently seeking performers and technicians for USA Express, the Army's premiere touring show band. Performers needed are singers and instrumentalists to include, but not limited to, drum-

mers, lead guitarists, bass guitarists and keyboard players. Soldiers selected will report to Fort Belvoir on or about Jan. 5, 2004 and will begin touring Feb. 5. The tour will last about two and a half months.

All entries are due by Nov. 12. For more information, call 239-8147 or 239-2612.

Holiday Craft Fair

Bring your family to the Holiday Home, Crafts and Things Bazaar for food, fun and entertainment Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at Marshall Air Field, Hangar 817. There will be a food court, craft vendors, children's corner with moon-bounce and face painting and much more.

If you are interested in a booth or need more information, contact Sherri Weber, 537-7781. To volunteer for the event, call 784-4228 or 784-3191.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Riley Annual Retiree Appreciation Day will be held today at the Manhattan Holiday Inn/Holiday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Retirees are invited to attend this event to receive the latest information on retiree benefits and activities at Fort Riley.

There will be a Health Fair from 1 - 3:30 p.m. conducted by Irwin Army Hospital. Col. (retired) John W. Radke, chief, Army Retirement Services, will be the guest speaker. Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commander, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, will welcome the retirees.

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AAFES Council

The next AAFES Council Meeting will be Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. at the AAFES conference room, building 222.

EFMP Fall Festival

Exceptional Families Member Program families will be gathering for "A Trip To The Pumpkin Patch." Each family will get a pumpkin to decorate. Everyone wear your favorite or scariest Halloween outfit. It will be held at the Soldier Family Support Center, building 7264, tomorrow, 10 a.m. - noon. Call the EFMP office, 239-9435, to R.S.V.P.

Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be Nov. 3, 6 p.m., Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Participants are asked to bring any news articles pertaining to your cancer diagnosis.

Military service members, their family members and Department of Army civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer and cancer survivors. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 239-7163.

Warrant Officer Recruiting

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties, if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team, www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN: 536-0484 or 536-0458.

Pre-retirement Orientation

The semi-annual Pre-Retirement Orientation will be conducted, Nov. 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. at Barlow Theater. This orientation is for individuals that have submitted their request for retirement, however, any Soldier contemplating retirement in the near future is welcome to attend. The purpose of this orientation is to receive information concerning rights, benefits and responsibilities in conjunction with retirement.

Soldiers that are eligible for early retirement (medical reasons) should also attend. Spouses of retiring personnel and prospective retirees are invited and encouraged to attend. This orientation is a requirement IAW AR 600-8-7 and Soldiers may attend as many times as they wish. For further information, contact the Retirement Services office, 239-3320 or 239-3667.

Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

Is your spouse deployed? Do you need a break? Don't stay home alone. Come out and join other family members for a few hours of fun, support and sharing.

The Family Readiness Program sponsors a weekly activity day for spouses of deployed Soldiers every Monday. The program is held at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, noon - 3 p.m. There will be a different activity each week. Activities range from arts and crafts to workshops and guest speakers, games and open discussions to cooking classes. Monday's program will include cake decorating. A support group lead by licensed social workers is held on the third Monday of each month. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Child and Youth Services offers free childcare for parents attending the program. Childcare is available for children 6 weeks

to 5-years-old. You must bring the child's shot records, but a snack is provided. Parent must stay in the center.

Volunteers are needed who would like to share their talents with a class. For additional information, contact Sonya Brown, Family Readiness Center coordinator, 239-9435

Mail Training

An Official Mail training class will be offered on Nov. 14, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at building 7305, Troop School.

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered Nov. 5 and 19, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 for enrollment.

Blue Chip Social

There will be a Blue Chip Social Nov. 13, 4 p.m., at Rally Point.

Soldier Show

The Army Community and Family Support Center is currently seeking performers and technicians for the 2004 Army Soldier Show. All application packets must be submitted by Nov. 15. For more information about the application packet, call 239-8147 or 239-2179.

ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career and Alumni program is sponsoring a Job Fair today, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 207. There

will be local, national and international employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees. Updated lists are available for review in the ACAP Center. Visit or call the ACAP Center, 239-2278 or 239-2248, for more information, including the list of attending employers.

Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop has a large selection of previously owned articles, from clothing to house wares to furniture. Come see the latest consignment and donation items to include fall decor and Halloween costumes. Visit building 267, Stuart Avenue (next to the stables) Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Consignor-Customer Appreciation Day is tomorrow. Items for consignment are accepted on Tuesdays; donations are accepted everyday.

For more information on needed items or to schedule a pickup for large items, call 784-3874

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Community Health Nursing of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free Tobacco Cessation classes. This is a four-week program, which meets once a week and is run by trained medical professionals. Participants may choose to quit smoking without medication or health care providers may prescribe Zyban. Nicotine patches are also offered during the class. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dieti-

cian teaches healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Military service members, their families and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. To register, call Community Health Nursing, 239-7323.

Piano Lessons

Child and Youth Services is offering piano lessons for children ages 5-18 at the Fort Riley Teen Center beginning this month. Classes will run once a week for one half hour. The instructor for this year's classes has a Bachelor's Degree in Music and Education and has eight years of teaching experience in both public schools and private music lessons. For more information, contact CYS, 239-4847

Oktoberfest

The Family Readiness Center is sponsoring an 'Information Oktoberfest' Oct. 31, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Representatives from Fort Riley community organizations and agencies will be there to provide information and to offer assistance to military family members. There will also be a Volksmarch.

Retirement

Brig. Gen. David F. Gross, special assistant to the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood with duty at Fort Riley, will retire at a ceremony Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. at Cavalry Parade Field.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted at Hanger 817.

Thanksgiving Service

There will be a post-wide Eucumenical Worship Service Nov. 26, 11:45 a.m., at Kapaun Chapel. The service is for Soldiers, family members and civilian workers on Fort Riley.

Holiday Tree Lighting

The post Holiday Tree Lighting will be held Dec. 5, 4:45 p.m. at Ware Parade Field, in front of Building 500. Santa Claus will visit and there will be light refreshments.

Barlow Theater

Tonight:

7 p.m.
Matchstick Men (PG-13)

Saturday:

7 p.m.
Cold Creek Manor (R)

Sunday:

7 p.m.
Matchstick Men (PG-13)

Thursday:

7 p.m.
Cold Creek Manor (R)

Ticket prices:
Adults - \$5
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some just sat and quietly took in the experience while others began to cry at the thought of being away from their parents for the first time. The experience was not unlike what most parents and children go through on the first day of school in

America.

"All of this is wonderful," said Aziz, pointing to the newly installed ceiling fans and drinking fountains. "We would not have this without the (U.S.) military. We are beginning to have hope."



ITR

Branson Get-a-Way

Join ITR for a weekend of entertainment Nov. 8-10, to include a stop at Lambert's (home of the famous "thrown rolls"), Dino's Million Dollar Christmas Show, Silver Dollar City's Old Time Christmas Festival, Magnificent America Breakfast Show and holiday shopping detours. Cost is \$200 per person and includes transportation by coach bus. There is limited space, so sign up early.

MWR Bus

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation bus is available for rent for Command and unit func-

tions, Hail and Farewell's, Family Readiness Groups, retiree groups, church groups and Fort Riley private organizations. Call ITR for further information.

Armed Forces Vacation Club

AFVC is a space available program that offers condominium vacations at resorts around the world for only \$249 per unit per week. If you enjoy off-season activities in popular locations without the hassle of high-season prices and crowds, the AFVC offers an incredible vacation value. Call or stop by for further information.

Santa Suit Rental

Stop by and rent a special ensemble for that special person for your unit, FRG or organizational holiday party. New this year are elf suits for Santa's special helpers. There is limited availability.

McCain Auditorium

There are military discounts available for upcoming performances at McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University, Manhattan. There is a limit of two discount tickets per ID. Scheduled performances include: Oct. 25 - Heidi Grant Murphy, Oct. 30 -

Second City on Tour (Chicago's famous comedy troupe), Nov. 4 - The National Ballet of Cuba, Nov. 6 - Concertante, Dec. 5 and 6 - Cats, Feb. 6 - Giselle (Moscow Festival Ballet), Feb. 14 - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Feb. 26 - Moscow State Radio Symphony. Stop by ITR for a brochure and further information.

Worlds of Fun

This is the last weekend! Worlds of Fun has been transformed for HalloWeekends - a frightening festival of new thrills and chills. Mischievous ghouls will materialize on the midways and the park will be decked out in its most fearful finery ever to cel-

ebate a season of haunts. Discount tickets available through ITR.

Kansas City Chiefs

Experience the excitement of NFL football with the Kansas City Chiefs. Limited tickets are available through ITR. Tickets are \$60 without transportation and \$80 with transportation. Grab some friends and tailgate at Arrowhead stadium. Support your favorite team. Games remaining include: Sunday - Buffalo Bills, Nov. 9 - Cleveland Browns, Nov. 23 - Oakland Raiders, Dec. 14 - Detroit Lions and Dec. 28 - Chicago Bears.

Military Salutes

Many theme parks, regional attractions and vacation destinations will salute the military with free admissions and deep discounts through late fall and early winter. Stop by ITR for additional information and low rates for hotels near those attractions.

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office is located in building 6918 (across from the PX). The hours of operation are Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the office is closed federal holidays. For further information call ITR, 239-5614 or 239-4415.

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tember 2002. The first joint meeting with Fort Riley representatives and local community officials was in December 2002.

Due to the transformation of Fort Riley into a Warfighting Center, which involves a higher number of National Guard and Army Reserve training maneuvers, there is increased activity on post. Additionally, many of the surrounding communities have experienced significant growth and development toward Fort Riley. These two factors are the catalyst for the local JLUS.

Nine jurisdictions have been contacted about the study. They are the cities of Junction City, Milford, Manhattan, Wakefield, Ogden and Riley, and Riley, Geary and Clay Counties, and also the Manhattan Airport. Together these communities can guide the JLUS and determine key issues and topics.

"First and foremost, the viability of Fort Riley and the economic impact it has on the surrounding area makes the JLUS very important," said Monty Wedel, Riley County Planning and Development director. "We need to be concerned about encroach-

ment or anything that could inhibit the mission."

"Decreased activity at Fort Riley could lead to serious cutbacks or closure," said Wedel. "We need to work with Fort Riley to insure its' future and Riley County's."

Community economic profiles, existing and proposed land use, installation operations and effects on the surrounding community and community development and its effects on installation operations are all typical JLUS topics. Public health and safety, along with noise management, will be key considerations in the JLUS.

"The noise contours are an area of concern for us, (Riley County)," said Wedel during a recent Military Relations meeting. "We need to be aware of the issues to consider rezoning requests."

Junction City and Milford have taken the lead to facilitate the study. Fort Riley officers and staff are available to assist the community committee members as needed.

Meetings have taken place on a regular basis with Fort Riley officials and the community committee.

Currently, the committee is writing the request for proposals. An independent consultant will be contracted to conduct the study and prepare recommendations.

"It is difficult, anytime you bring this many entities together, to form a consensus," said Wedel. "It will be very important that the consultant communicate with the governmental agencies, Fort Riley, and the public."

There are three subcommittees to assist the consultant with various aspects of plan development and over-site of the planning process: Policy, Steering and Technical.

"A typical JLUS study can cost between \$60,000 to \$120,000 to complete. The OEA pays up to 75 percent of the cost, while the communities pay the remaining 25 percent," said Jones. "In kind contributions of labor may be applied toward the communities' portion."

Once the contract for the study has been awarded, it should take about one year to conduct, according to Jones. Implementation of the plan will be the

ongoing conclusion to the JLUS.

"Public awareness and support will be key in the success of this project," said Wedel. "The public needs to know that they are encouraged to give feedback, to let their issues be known and to be a part of the decision making process."

The product of the JLUS will hopefully guide local jurisdictions in the application of development controls in support of the ongoing military mission.

"Protecting the current operational and training effectiveness at Fort Riley and preserving long-term compatible land use that is economically beneficial to communities is the main goal," said Jones.

"The benefits go both ways," said Wedel. "The study will help Riley County just as much. It will lessen the number of noise complaints — keep residents out of land use conflicts."

"It will also help to limit residential encroachment on agricultural land," said Wedel. "The JLUS is a way to improve county zoning and planning regulations and communications with the public overall."

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Funds approved for Women and Infants Care Center at IACH

By **Emilie L. Howe**
MEDDAC PAO

The funds to renovate the third floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital were recently approved by the Office of the Surgeon General. The \$6.6 million will open the doors to the hospital's new Women and Infants Care Center by summer 2005.

IACH has planned this modernization to create a birthing center since 1995, according to Frank Harrison, Project Manager, Health Facility Planning Agency, Washington D.C. Further development of the hospital's 'Master Facility Plan' brought about the plan for moving OB/GYN to the third floor and to renovate the present Labor and Delivery into Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Post partum rooms.

The master planning team of VVI International, Tobey & Davis, The Innova Group, and Vanderweil Engineers gave their Master Plan Presentation to the hospital's command group in February 2000. Eleven months following the plan's presentation, the Master Facility Plan was finalized in January 2001. The Women and Infants Care Center was one of several projects in the Master Facility Plan.

In the future, expectant women will be admitted to the Women and Infants Care Center and, from the start of labor to delivery, recovery and post partum care, mom and baby will be in the same room. Harrison said the Women and Infants Care Center will present a family friendly atmosphere. The eight labor, delivery, recovery and post-partum rooms will have

recliner chairs for fathers who want to spend the night and private bathrooms with showers. A bassinette will be part of the room's home-like atmosphere and will allow mom and baby to stay together.

"IACH will have new accommodations for OB/GYN patients when the clinic moves from the basement to the third floor," Harrison said. "The clinic's relocation will increase the health-care staff's ability to see more patients in a personalized and efficient environment. We looked at where our main product lines are, and Labor and Delivery and babies are a major priority at Fort Riley or any military installation where you've got young families," Harrison said. "This building was constructed in 1958 and a lot of the designs and lay outs have been

updated occasionally, but it's still basically a 1958 design. This is one of the projects that fell out of the Master Plan overview and it's one that we've had an interest in over the past five years."

Another point made by Lt. Col. Joshua Kimball, deputy commander, Administration, IACH, was that expectant mothers receive quality care as well as in the civilian community - "It's just the aesthetics of the hospital interiors that make a difference to the them. In fact, most of our docs are OB Board Certified or eligible for the board," Kimball said.

IACH delivers on average 60 - 70 babies per month, according to Maj. Susanna Itara, head nurse, Women and Infant Care, IACH. In addition, Labor and Delivery's health-care practitioners provide approximately 275 - 300 outpa-

tient visits a month.

According to Itara, if the expectant mother feels she is having a medical problem, she can be seen at Labor and Delivery when the OB/GYN Clinic is closed, such as during evening hours, weekends and holidays.

Kimball said IACH offers unique services not often available in civilian healthcare. Even at midnight, expectant mothers may walk in and go to Labor and Delivery and be seen by the doctor or the nurses there. The other unique thing IACH has is the military knowledge. The hospital has military health-care professionals who are providing services. If mom is having a problem and dad is deployed, the IACH staff know

how to contact the Red Cross and provide information. The staff also will contact a Soldier's commander if the commander's assistance is required to get notification to the servicemember, Kimball said.

Beginning with transition construction at IACH in November, the fifth floor will be fitted with labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum rooms during the construction of the new third floor Women and Infants Care Center. By January 2004, the fifth floor will be ready as the interim site for Labor and Delivery. According to Harrison, the Women and Infants Care Center is expected to open summer 2005.

Combined Federal Campaign well underway

By **William Biles**
Staff Writer

The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign was off to a slow start on post, only collecting \$2,051 of the \$150,000 donations goal, in the beginning of its collections. However, the totals have increased to \$12,146 as of Tuesday's tally. That amount is 8.1 percent of Fort Riley's CFC goal.

The CFC members play a key role in the achievement of reaching the CFC goal.

"I'm relying on the CFC members and key personal to make 100 percent contact with everyone in their unit or organization," said Dori Farrow, CFC coordinator, Directorate of Community Activities.

Through reaching everybody within his or her chain-of-command, the probability of achieving the \$150,000 goal becomes more possible, she said.

The CFC representatives can set up events that can aid in raising the money for charity.

"Each key person from the Local Federated Coordinating Committee can set up their own fundraising event to help achieve the goal. The events can vary from car washes to bake sales," said Tatum Couture, director, United Way.

"DES (Directorate of Environment and Safety) is having its own CFC event," said Farrow.



"Employees are bringing in items from their home and they are having a silent auction. The money made will be given to the CFC," she said.

Donating to CFC isn't just for helping people you don't know.

"There are so many people affected by CFC," said Farrow. "It can be a family member, best friend, co-worker or the little boy down the street."

There are thousands of agencies that benefit from the contributions, and the agencies use the funds in a variety of ways. There are agencies that use the funds for needed equipment and supplies, and some of the money received

through CFC helps pay for the research needed to find cures for illnesses that someone you know might have.

"They could have Cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson Disease and Cystic Fibrosis; there are so many diseases out there," Farrow said. "Or maybe someone used to be a Navy SEAL, and they would like to contribute to their foundation. People would be amazed whom they can contribute to — if they would just take a look at the book. There are thousands of agencies listed," she said.

There are several ways to make the contributions to the CFC.

"You may pay cash or write a check for the entire sum of your pledge or have your donation automatically deducted from your paycheck," Farrow said. "The easiest way to make your contribution to CFC is through payroll deductions," she said. "The amount you specify will be withheld from your pay each month starting in January 2004."

If your contribution is to be withheld from your pay, there is a minimum amount to meet for making a donation.

"The minimum amount you can direct to be withheld from your pay is \$2 per month for military personnel and \$1 per pay period for federal civilian employees," said Farrow. "The minimum annual deduction is \$24 for military and \$26 for civilians," she said.

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Cassandra Myskiw, 8th grader, A/B team, Fort Riley Middle School's Lady Troopers, shoots hoops during practice.

Season looks good for Lady Troopers

By Bobby Miller
19th P.D.

The Fort Riley Lady Troopers have been practicing for a week and are preparing for their first basketball game Oct. 30.

Head Coach Mike Whaley said the girls had to try out for the team before practice began. "They had two days of tryouts to see the girls' shooting skills, passing skills and dribbling skills," said Whaley. "We did a little bit of scrimmaging to see if they play well with a team."

Now that the team has been chosen, the girls will practice every day after school, said Whaley.

"The students get done with school at 3:15 p.m. and we give them time to go to their lockers and talk with their teachers if they have to," said Whaley.

Practices last two hours, with 15 minutes of shooting around at the end of the block, to sharpen the girls' skills, he said.

Whaley stressed that the practices are meant to do more than just prepare the girls to play middle school basketball. "We emphasize two things," he said. "We want to teach the girls the fundamentals of basketball and to prepare the eighth graders to play at the high school level."

Whaley acknowledged that this season produces some strong competition and very talented players.

"The competition is extremely tough," he said. "The teams in the

surrounding area have great feeder programs, with some of their players successful at the college level."

Although the girls' basketball team did not win a game last year, Whaley thinks this year's team will do well because of the experience of its players.

"I think the outlook for this season is very promising. We have five or six returning girls from last year that played," said Whaley. "They have the experience we are looking for. We have our leaders — our nucleus."

Whaley also mentioned that this year's team shows a lot of promise and talent that they will bring into the new season.

"I'm very encouraged by this year's group of girls. We have more speed than last year and a lot more enthusiasm," he said. "Even if we do lose a few games, I know the girls will maintain that enthusiasm."

Courtney Hallenbeck, an 8th grade player, said she enjoys many aspects of playing. "It's a fun time for us," she said. "We get to hang out with our friends and learn more about the game, so we are more prepared to play at the high school level."

Hallenbeck showed a lot of excitement for the upcoming season and the chance to improve on last year's record. "I think we'll be good this year. We have some new players and a couple of returning players. We are hustling more," she said. "I hope we have a great season, and I think we have the potential to be really good."

Turkey shoot offers fun, prizes

By Sam Robinson
Staff Writer

Win a turkey just in time for Thanksgiving!

The Fort Riley Turkey Shoot is Nov. 1 at the Outdoor Recreation Center. Soldiers and civilians may take part in the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Five shooters will compete at a time, and the person with the shot closest to the mark on the target will win a coupon for a frozen bird at the commissary.

Shooters may enter as many times as they wish. The adult and junior (16 and under) turkey shoot costs \$5.

Only 12 and 20-gauge shotguns, with modified chokes will be allowed. Shotguns and ammunition will be available that day at the Outdoor Rec Center.

"We want to level the playing field," said Col. Gasper Gulotta, commander, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support).

"We want everyone to have a fair chance and a good time."

A Master Gunner and Junior Master Gunner competition will also take place that day. The cost to enter is \$10. Results will be tracked throughout the day. The winners will be announced at 2 p.m. and each will receive a new shotgun.

"We hope this will give families a chance to get out of the house," said Gulotta. "They can see what the Outdoor Rec Center has to offer." He also said it will give the families the opportunity to visit with one another.

Other activities will take place during the event at no cost. There will be archery target practice, shooting skill video game, horseshoes, skeet shooting and a moonwalk.

"I encourage my Soldiers to work hard and play hard," said Gulotta. "This is a great way to promote the outdoor recreation at Fort Riley."

For more information you may call 785-239-2363.



K-State beats Colorado to break losing streak

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Kansas State (5-3, 1-2) broke a three-game losing streak with a 49-20 win over Colorado on Saturday.

Ell Roberson, who set school career records for touchdowns and total offense, threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more scores.

Roberson threw two second-half touchdowns passes to James Terry to help the Wildcats pull away from a 15-13 halftime lead, giving them their first Big 12 victory.

The senior quarterback's two-yard touchdown run in the first quarter was the 32nd rushing score of his career, a record for both touchdown runs and total touchdowns. He added a one-yard touchdown sneak with 38 seconds left in the game.

Roberson's 40-yard touchdown pass to Davin Dennis with 40 seconds left in the first half broke

onds left in the first half broke Lynn Dickey's record of 5,779 total yards. That record had stood since Dickey's senior season ended in 1970.

Colorado's Jeremy Bloom returned an 88-yard kickoff return for a touchdown that cut Kansas State's lead to 15-13. Bloom's kickoff-return touchdown was the first given up by the Wildcats since 1990, when Nebraska's Tyrone Hughes ran one back 99 yards.

Rashad Washington blocked two punts for the 'Cats, which they were able to convert into scores. Joe Lawson recovered one in the end zone for a touchdown during the third quarter.

"There's always something on tape that directs you to design your punt blocks in an appropriate manner," said Bill Snyder, head coach, Wildcats. "The best-laid plans are not always successful. Today, they just happened to be. You design your blocks and returns based on what you see on

tape."

Snyder had mixed feelings about the blocks, but overall he was pleased.

"I'm tired of getting two points on blocked punts. I look at it like we lost five points, but I was pleased," Snyder added. "I told Rashad that he would have loved to have those two that hit him in his hands. But, I loved his effort today and the way he played. I was pleased with the turnovers. We have been on the minus side virtually all year."

After Daniel Jolly's six-yard run put the Colorado team up 7-0 on the game's first drive, Washington blocked John Topp's punt on the Buffaloes next possession. Three Kansas State players were not able to grab the ball in the end zone before it rolled out for a safety.

Roberson, who finished 20-for-28 for 242 yards, threw a 10-yard pass to Terry for a 22-13 lead. Four plays later, Washington's block and Lawson's recovery

made it 29-13.

Terry's eight-yard touchdown catch on the third play of the fourth quarter put the Wildcats up 35-13, and Darren Sproles made it 42-13 with an 18-yard run, midway through the fourth. Sproles ran for 90 yards on 14 carries, leaving him 17 yards short of the school career rushing record.

Joel Klatt, quarterback, Colorado State, was 29-for-45 for 290 yards against the Wildcats. His 34-yard touchdown pass to D.J. Hackett with less than six minutes left cut Kansas State's lead to 42-20.

With this loss, Colorado, the defending Big 12 champion, dropped to 3-4 and 1-2, with its first loss to the Wildcats since 2000.

"I thought we played a little better today," said Snyder. "The bottom line is that we probably played well enough to win. Although, if I'm somebody's kickoff return coach, I'm licking my chops when I see us."

Fort Riley has plenty of quality hunting areas for coming duck season

By Gibran Suleiman
DES Biologist

Tomorrow will mark the opening of duck season on Fort Riley and the surrounding area. Waterfowl hunting on the Fort is not as popular as upland game or big game hunting, but nonetheless can provide a quality hunt. Last season, hunters on Fort Riley harvested 135 ducks and geese.

For those people who are new to the sport, but would like to give waterfowl hunting a try this year, here is a quick rundown of what to put on your to-do list.

In order to hunt waterfowl on Fort Riley, you will need the following permits: a State of Kansas hunting license, a State of Kansas duckstamp, a federal duckstamp, a Hunter Information Stamp and a Fort Riley hunting and fishing permit. Hunters will also need to have proof of completion of a hunter's safety course and also be sure that their firearm is registered with the Provost Marshal's Office.

Duck hunting not only requires some special stamps, but it also requires some special equipment.

Duck hunters can only shoot or have in their possession nontoxic shot. Steel shot is the most commonly used nontoxic shot, but there are several other varieties available on the market. Remember that nontoxic shot is not as effective as lead shot, so hunters must take closer shots than they would take with lead. Hunters that have shotguns that hold more than three rounds will need to install a plug into their magazine that limits the number of shells to three.

The main areas to hunt ducks on Fort Riley are the Kansas and Republican Rivers, several man-made wetlands, Madison and Far-num coves and the numerous creeks and ponds that can be found on the installation.

The number of ducks found on the Kansas and Republican Rivers will vary due to several factors. Duck numbers usually peak on the rivers after Milford Lake has frozen over completely yet the rivers are still open. This season is looking promising for hunting on the rivers due to the amount of food and cover that grew this summer during extremely low water levels. Most stretches of the

rivers are wadeable, giving hunters without retrieving dogs a good opportunity. The two man-

made wetlands that hold the highest numbers of ducks are located in maneuver area F and directly

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In order to hunt waterfowl on Fort Riley, you will need several permits and duckstamps.

behind Camp Funston. Hunting success is highly dependent on water levels. Both wetlands are fairly small in size and cannot successfully accommodate a lot of hunting at any given time.

Hunting the coves of Milford Lake that border on the Fort's boundary can be quite productive at times. Some of the challenges associated with hunting these areas are having to walk a fair distance to get to a good spot and also a retrieving dog might be needed for some of these areas with deeper water or deep mud. Hunting the ponds and creeks on post is one of the least utilized methods. Several ponds in the maneuver areas do get relatively small groups of ducks on them. Once the shooting starts however, it could be a long wait for ducks to return. Many hunters will simply go from pond to pond and jump hunt. This is where the hunter spies the ducks from a distance and very carefully sneaks up as close as possible. When the ducks see the hunter, they typically take flight giving the hunter a possible shot. Then it is time to move on to the next pond.

Creeks on Fort Riley usually do not hold many ducks. However, duck hunters in pursuit of the beautiful wood duck often find that several creeks on post are the key to a successful hunt.

While Fort Riley does not offer the potential for harvesting ducks like Milford wetlands or the north end of Tuttle Creek, the opportunity for a great hunt still exists. One of the largest complaints from hunters on the reservoirs is that at times it sounds more like an air raid over Baghdad than a quality hunt.

With a little work, hunters on Fort Riley have the opportunity to get away from the crowds and experience a great hunt. As with any kind of outdoor recreation, fully understanding all of the rules and regulations is paramount. Few things can ruin a hunt like receiving a citation because you didn't take time to learn all of the rules.

If you have any questions regarding outdoor recreation on Fort Riley, contact the Conservation Division, 239-6211.



Letters to the Front

"To my husband, Staff Sgt. Joseph Call, 1st Bde, 5th Field Artillery: I cannot put into words how proud I am of you. You always put your Soldiers ahead of yourself and you go forward relentlessly. I'm missing your daily hugs. I can't wait to hold you again. I love you endlessly and miss you more every day. Know that you are in our thoughts every second of the day. There are prayers for your safe return home every night. Jon, Coty and Amber send big kisses and huge hugs to their dad. For all of our military families, stay strong, keep your heads held high and know that they all will be home soon." - *Candice Call, proud military spouse, Fort Riley*

"To Staff Sgt. Camilo Medina, 331st Signal Co.: When we are together, time goes by so fast. I wish I had the power to make it last. Every night I stare at the stars, wondering where you're at. Your smile can melt the coldest winter days, and the brightness in every star, I see within your eyes. May you find the strength, courage and peace to finish this task successfully and be home very soon. The twins and I miss you very much. There isn't a second that passes that we don't think about you. We believe in you, we're proud of you and we cherish you with all our hearts. With all the love in the world, we send you huge hugs!" - *Love, Marilyn, Abigail and Aidan, Leavenworth*

"Greetings to the troops in Iraq and prayers for a safe return on behalf of the staff and veterans of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco. Special well-wishes go to Sgt. Luis A. Villalta, 101st Forward Support Battalion, former Soldier of the Quarter at Fort Irwin, Calif. May God bring all our men and women home safely." - *M.J. 'Doc' Sanchez, retired veteran, San Francisco, Calif.*

"Dear Soldiers of 1st Bn., 34th Armor: I just wanted to send a little message saying I am very proud of all of you, especially the Scouts. You are all heroes in my eyes, particularly my husband, Pfc. Crays. I love you, baby. Stand strong and proud, because you have every reason to be, as do the rest of the 1st Bn., 34th Armor Scouts. Please be careful and come home safe. Don't ever forget that you are all loved and missed very much. Keep your heads up. You are in my prayers." - *With much love, Sandi Nichole Crays*

"To my loving husband, Sgt. 1st Class Sammy Harris, 101st FSB, and all the other 101st FSB Soldiers: We are all very proud of what you are doing out in Iraq. I'm sure that you are all missed greatly by your families. Just stay focused and return home safely. Sammy, I love you deeply and miss you immensely. I thank you for making the world a safer place for our daughter. She will be very proud of her daddy once she can understand all that he has done. You are a strong, loving man and we are thankful to have you. We love and miss you and cannot wait for you to return home." - *Robyn and Jayda Harris, military family, Fort Riley*

"To Spc. Teddy Gene Owens, 101st FSB: Your wife, Michelle, and four children are waiting for you at Fort Riley. Dad and Mom are waiting in Dardanelle, Ark. Teddy, you are always in our hearts and minds. We are so proud of you and every thing you do. You are always giving of your self. We all miss you a lot! We are forever loving you." - *Your loving family here in the great U.S.A. Dad, Mom, David, Jarette, Kristoff, John, Tyler, Grandma Bev Smith, Mike, Danny, JC, Velma, Randell, Lalaunie, Astin, Brian, Nichole, Brandy, Floyd, Margaret, Andrew, Mathew, Charlene, Shaina, Robert and Daryan*

"As a retired Soldier, I would like to let all the brave men and women who have been deployed to Iraq know that I am extremely proud of what they are doing and that I pray for their safe return home. I am really proud of my son, Spc. Gary Correia, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, and I pray that he makes it home safely from Iraq. Please know that your country is extremely proud of your sacrifices." - *Sincerely, Michael Correia, Ardmore, Okla.*

"To Sgt. Shannon Hogan: We are thinking about you. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God keep you safe. Know that we are all here for you anytime. Stay safe little brother! We love you and miss you, and we'll be sending you lots of stuff soon! I am proud of you!" - *Love, Spc. Sean D. Hogan, 3rd Inf. Div., and the Hogan family, Chrissy, Shayla and Cameron*

"This message goes out to Spc. Teddy G. Owens, 101st FSB, from your wife and family waiting back home at Fort Riley for you. We are so very proud of you and the job you are doing for all of us here safe at home. We love and miss you beyond all words, but don't worry about a thing. All will be taken care of here and waiting for you when you get back. Be careful and take care of yourself. Stay safe. I love you, my husband, my Soldier, my hero and my own knight in shining armor." - *Always, your family, Michelle, Dougie, Giovanni, Kanyon and Katie*

"I want to send all my thoughts and prayers to all the Soldiers fighting to protect us from terrorism, and I am so proud of each and every one of you for risking your lives for us and for others. God bless you all!" - *Sandi Hartman, military mother of Spc. Jeremy Allen, 1st Bde., Rosedale, Ind.*

"To the 1st Brigade Combat Team: We want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you for your sacrifice and bravery as you work to make our world a better place. God be with you all. To Pfc. Adam Emery, you are always in our thoughts and prayers. We

are so proud of you." - *Love, Wayne and Donna Emery, Roseville, Calif.*

"To my husband and best friend, Pfc. Paul Harrington: You are the love of my life. I am so proud of you. Keep your spirits up. I can't wait to hold you in my arms again. The boys miss their daddy and can't wait to have him home. To all the B Company mechanics and Sgt. Michael King, we love you, and stay safe! Love always and you are all in my prayers." - *Reanna Herrington, proud Army spouse, Indianapolis, Ind.*

"We are sending our thoughts and prayers to the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 13th Armor. It's another fine day in the United States Army! Sgt. Shakespear, we love you! Be careful, especially around the stairs! Stay strong, and know that you are not alone." - *Love Alice, Destiny and Montezia Shakespear, military family, Salina*

"I wanted to send this message hoping it gets to someone overseas. My ex-fiancee, Spc. Steven Oman, was recently deployed. Even though we are not together, I still love him and pray for his safe return. I know he joined to fight for our country, as did I. I have been in the National Guard for almost five years. I feel left out because I am stuck here enjoying the freedoms for which they are fighting for. I pray for all those serving to come home to us. No matter who you are, I consider every single guy and girl in the military to be a part of my family. That is what we are, a family! I

wish I could find the words to tell you all exactly how I feel. My three-year-old son will never forget how and why he has his freedom, for I will tell him a story every night about the men and woman who gave us our lives." - *Spc. Breanna Robinson, West Virginia National Guard, 146th AA Medevac, Williamstown, W. Va.*

"To Sgt. Ryan Elder: Hello, little brother. It's been a long time since we've heard from you, and I'm starting to worry. I hope this letter gets to you. Do you need a phone card so you can call home? I can get one and send it to you if you do. Just let mom know that you are okay. I have some greeting cards to send you that you can send to Nathan and Nicky. They miss you terribly, and I'm sure you miss them just as much! I will try to get them out tomorrow or Monday. I hope you received the care packages I've sent. Keep up the good work, but most of all stay safe! I love you and can't begin to tell you how proud I am of you." - *Your sister, Lori McCracken, Hadley, Pa.*

"To Sgt. Michael Cook, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.: My love, I hope you are okay. I am back with my mom. I hope to get a letter from you soon. Sedi and I miss you so much. We can't wait to see you again. Every minute without you is a pain. I pray every day for strength and that you come home safe. I wish you would come

home to us. You are so far away and not to hear from you makes me crazy. I sent you all my love and kisses. Forever yours, we love you." - *Tina and Sedi Cook, Fort Riley*

"For the troops in HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor: You are all in my prayers. I am so proud of all of you. Everyone in my hometown sends their blessings. We are all so truly lucky to have such brave men and women to fight for our country. To my husband, Sgt. Zapata, we love and miss you and hope you come home soon! God Bless and be safe." - *Alisha Zapata, Runge, Tex.*

"Be safe, be strong and it won't be very long until we see your smiling faces. My prayers are with you. Fight hard, Centurion warriors! Love, every military Mom and Dad." - *Jane Nesbitt, Cincinnati, Ohio*

"To Levi Newman, 70th Engineer Bn.: Our whole family is proud of you, as well as all the troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are the home of the

free because of the brave. Thank you to all of the Soldiers. Be good, stay safe and come home soon. We love you, Levi, yesterday, today and forever." - *Katie and family*

"This message is for my brother, Patrick C. Thompson, and all of the others who are risking their lives so we can live ours safely. Thank you all. Pat, I love you! I miss you like crazy and think of you everyday. We all are anxiously awaiting any word from you to know that you're okay and safe. You're always in our thoughts and prayers. Take care of yourself and be safe! I'll write again soon!" - *All our love and support, Sandy, Matt, Grace, Nick, Monica, Rick, Corbin, Kyler, Mom and Dad*

If you would like to send messages of support to our troops deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, e-mail your message to afznpomr@riley.army.mil. Soldiers, include your name, rank, unit and hometown. Military spouses and civilians, include your name, job and hometown.

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Members of the Ballet Folklórico De Topeka, directed by Ed Gonzales, display traditional Mexican dances during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration honors accomplishments

By Ryan D. Wood
19th PAD

Fort Riley celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month Oct. 15 with a celebratory program including traditional Mexican dancers, food tasting, a display of all Hispanic Americans to win the Medal of Honor and a keynote address by 1st Sgt. (ret.) David Rodriguez-Cruz.

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, with this year's theme for Fort Riley being "Hispanic Americans: Honoring our Past, Surpassing our Present and Learning our Future."

In 1968, congress authorized the first observance of Hispanic Heritage Week. said Maj. Michael J. Bell, equal opportunity officer, Fort Riley. And then, in 1988, that weeklong observance was expanded into a 30-day celebration to honor the role that Hispanic Americans have played in the many facets of forming our nation, he said.

"We, in our office, are often asked why we conduct ethnic observances," said Bell as he opened the observance. "and the answer is that ethnic observances are conducted for the purpose of enhancing cross-cultural understanding and awareness among all persons, regardless of the category that they may fall into. The thought is that if we are all more knowledgeable about the cultures that make up America, we will all be better able to work together and understand those with a background that may be different than our own."

In his proclamation for Fort Riley, Col. John A. Simpson, garrison commander, praised Hispanic Americans and all they have given to the country and the military. "Hispanic Americans have made significant contributions to

the development of our nation since its earliest times. Hispanic Americans have provided wisdom, energy and leadership in our communities and country," he said.

Rodriguez-Cruz, who retired in 1996 after 23 years of service as an artilleryman, addressed the gathered crowd as the event's keynote speaker, stressing all that the Hispanic culture has given to the country and the power that it offers in the future.

"If you stop and think about it, in a few years, the word 'minority' is no longer going to fit us," said Rodriguez-Cruz. "In the year 2050, it is estimated that up to 75 million Hispanics will be living in the United States."

Rodriguez-Cruz quoted many statistics in order to help bring the U.S. Hispanic population into perspective.

"There are more Spanish speakers in the U.S. than there are in Cuba, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Puerto Rico all combined," said Rodriguez-Cruz. "Forty-two percent of the population of New Mexico is Hispanic. There are more Hispanics living in the U.S. than Canadians in Canada. There are as many Hispanics in the U.S. as there are African-Americans. There are approximately 149,000 Hispanic Americans in the Armed Forces."

Along with the many skills and traditions Hispanic Americans offer, Rodriguez-Cruz felt that Hispanics should utilize cultural gifts they excel in to strengthen the nation along with the communities they live in.

"My mother always told me that if you are good at something, ride it to death," Rodriguez-Cruz said. "Hispanics are good at family and community, so I say, ride it all the way."

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley,



A dancer from the Ballet Folklórico De Topeka performs during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Fort Riley.

Parents learn healthy alternatives at Love and Logic classes

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

To help parents reduce the stress and frustration that sometimes comes with raising children, the Family Advocacy Program recently began offering the six-week "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" course at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

The classes, lead by certified instruction trainers Carolyn Tolliver-Lee and Billy May, teach parents alternatives to yelling and spanking. Basically, by giving children clear consequences and empathizing with them, they can teach

their children to make better decisions.

Parents in the class said they feel good about the philosophies taught in the class. "I thought it was really interesting to find a different way to talk to your child," said Deserea Ford, a military spouse. "You can show him love, but also rules." "It's the whole idea of taking control," said Spc. Damone Newman, communication specialist, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry. "I never thought about when you get angry and losing control, you never actually get to teach anything."

Ford gave an example of a positive experience she had with her 6-year-old son using what she learned in the first

class.

"I told my son to clean up his room and he didn't," said Ford. "So, I took away his favorite toy, a power ranger. I told him 'I love you but I can't let you walk all over mommy'."

Ford said surprisingly her son said, "I understand." and cleaned his room.

May explained that parents often find themselves in three different modes: helicopter, drill sergeant and consultant. Helicopter parents hover over their children, making sure they do nothing wrong. Drill sergeants shout a lot and want the children to do what they say, when they say it, no questions asked.

Consultant parents ask their children what they want and try to guide them, but offer no real consequences.

May said to goal of the class is not only to teach parents how to get children to do what the parents want, but to teach parents how to help children make the right decisions.

In addition to lectures by the instructors and instructional videos, group discussion is a big part of the class.

"There is a lot of dialogue and feedback," said May. "Parents are very eager to hear other parent's stories and experiences."

"We got to meet other parents and hear

their stories," said Spc. Scott Horton, infantryman, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

"A lot of parents are having the same problems."

"The best part is the opportunity to hear other points of view," said Newman. "You hear other people have the same problems and you think, 'O.K. I'm not so dumb.'"

The love and logic classes meet once a week and last for two hours. Free childcare is provided during the class. May said he advises interested parents to call the Soldier and Family Support Center, 239-9435, and ask for Tolliver-Lee for information on the next series of classes.

Children should have fun, be safe on Halloween

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

Halloween is just around the corner and everyone will be spooky around in their costumes gobbling all the candy they can stand. Yes, Halloween is probably one of the most fun holidays of the year. But, in the midst of all the fun, kids and adults should remember safety comes first.

Here are a few safety tips. All trick or treaters, especially children, should carry a flashlight or chemical light to make themselves more visible. Wearing clothing with reflective marking or tape is also a good idea.

Wear costumes that do not drag on the ground. Try wearing face paint, instead of masks with tiny eyelets, for better visibility. If a mask has to be worn, avoid wearing it while walking from house to house.

Stay in familiar neighborhoods and only approach homes that are well lit. Do not cut across yards or driveways. Also, remember to walk, not run. Only walk on sidewalks and obey all traffic signals. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the roads left side, facing traffic. If a parent is not accompanying



his or her child while trick or treating, the parent should make sure the child is properly supervised. By order of Fort Riley Regulation 190-19, all children in kindergarten through 5th grade must be closely monitored, within sight and/or sound, by a parent or responsible party. Children not old enough to attend kindergarten must have an adult or designated childcare provider at least 12 years of age with them at all times.

If parents are not going with

their child, they should still know where their children are going. Parents should make sure children and their childcare providers know where to reach the parents and have a means to do so; whether by providing a cell phone or quarters to use a pay phone. Children should also know when to be home.

Parents should tell their children before they go out not to eat any candy until they return home and the parents can inspect it, said Rod Cruz, Safety - Base Opera-

tion, Directorate of Environment and Safety. Parents should inspect all candy carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect, he said.

Homeowners expecting trick or treaters to stop should also be aware of a few safety tips.

Make sure the yard is clear. Do not leave items like ladders, hoses, dog leashes or flowerpots out.

Instead of lighting jack-o-lanterns with real flames, try using battery operated ones.

Another good idea might be to give out healthier foods like low fat cheese or peanut butter filled crackers, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single serve packets of low fat microwave popcorn.

For adults hosting or going to Halloween parties with alcohol being served, be sure to have designated drivers to drive partygoers home. All drivers should take extra precautions. Halloween night, drive slowly and watch for children.

The commanding general, Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, has designated the hours of 5 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31 as the time for children to go trick or treating on Fort Riley.

Ghosts come out tomorrow for tours

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

In 1860, a woman living in Quarters 124 drowned herself in a well and was buried in an open pasture that is now someone's backyard.

Seventy years later, another woman living in the Quarters began reporting horrible noises in her house at night. She described them as being unbearably loud, as though someone was dragging a wooden box up and down the stairs with chains.

According to the prairieghosts.com website, the sounds continued night after night until finally a priest was called to perform an exorcism. The ceremony was apparently successful... for a while. No one quite knows the story behind this nameless woman that stalks the night, but she is but one of many ghosts inhabiting Fort Riley, which according to the History and Hauntings Book Company is one of the most haunted of American's old military installations.

The ghosts will be out Sunday as the Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley has its annual Ghost Tours. The event will include a historic tour of main post, focusing on the rich history of ghost stories on the post.

Tours will start at the Custer House from 4 to 8 p.m. and will depart approximately every 15 minutes in groups of 25. Along the way will be five food booths where volunteers will be selling hot chocolate and cider among other Halloween delicacies. At 3 p.m. will be a daylight stroller tour in which candy will be passed out to the children at each of the food stops. The stroller tour will be the only time that candy is passed out, so it is an excellent time to bring out the entire family, according to tour organizer Holly Garvin.

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Lead should be concern in older homes

By Paul H. Inman
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October 21-27 is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, and this year's theme is "Treat Yourself to Lead-Safe Living: Harvest the Rewards."

Childhood lead poisoning is considered the most preventable environmental disease of young children, but approximately one million children have elevated blood lead levels. One of the national health objectives for 2010 is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in the United States. The goals of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week are to raise awareness about this serious health issue and the importance of screening at-risk children ages 1-2 years and children ages 3-5 years who have not been screened previously and to urge persons to take precautions to minimize exposure to lead. Approximately 434,000 U.S. children ages 1-6 years have blood lead levels greater than the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommended level of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood.

Lead poisoning can affect nearly every system in the body.

Because lead poisoning often occurs with no obvious symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized. Lead poisoning can cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems and, at very high levels, seizures, coma and even death. How are children exposed to lead?

The major source of lead exposure among U.S. children is lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust found in deteriorating buildings. Lead-based paints were banned for use in housing in 1978. However, approximately 24 million housing units in the United States have deteriorated leaded paint and elevated levels of lead-contaminated house dust. More than four million of these dwellings are homes to one or more young children.

Children from all social and economic levels can be affected by lead poisoning, although children living at or below the poverty line who live in older housing are at greatest risk. Lead poisoning is entirely preventable. The key is stopping children from coming into contact with lead and treating children who have been poisoned by lead.

There are several things the public and parents can do to

reduce blood lead levels.

Ask a doctor to test your child if you are concerned about your child being exposed to lead.

The testing for Lead Base Paint in your on post home has been conducted in previous years and records are on file at the DES. If you live in a house or apartment built before 1978, especially if you and your children live with you or visit you, it is important to know where these hazards are located.

Damp-mop floors, damp-wipe surfaces and frequently wash a child's hands, pacifiers and toys to reduce exposure to lead.

Use only cold water from the tap for drinking, cooking and for making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead, and most of the lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house, not from the local water supply.

New quarters at Fort Riley are being built containing no lead-based paint. Homes constructed prior to 1978 are inspected and repaired with latex paint to encapsulate previous coats of lead-based paint, or the paint is removed and re-painted with approved paints.

When renovations are being

conducted on post, workers are required to follow strict guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. These guidelines help protect the occupants and workers from exposure to lead-based paint hazards.

To provide the highest quality of safe housing as possible, Fort Riley performs inspections before and after occupants leave post housing to maintain safe living conditions. The Directorate of Environment and Safety conducts inspections to check the condition of the paint throughout the building to determine if paint repair is required. An evaluation report of the building is provided to post housing for maintenance and interim controls of all painted surfaces. For additional regulatory guidance and references on lead-based paint and safe work practices, contact Alex Bender, DES, Safety Division, 239-342, or David Porter, DES, Safety and Environmental Support Division, 239-6642, or go to <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/lead.htm>

New DeCA awards for military spouses

By Bonnie Powell
DeCA

Know a military spouse who exemplifies support to the community, volunteerism, selflessness or strength? A new military spouse award is now open for nominations and time is of the essence. Nominations are due by Nov. 9 for four new awards honoring active duty, retiree, Guard or Reserve and veteran spouses. The active duty category includes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard spouses.

Nominations can be made online through a front page link at the Defense Commissary Agency website, <http://www.commissaries.com>, at <http://www.militaryshoppers.com> or <http://www.avashow.com>. Nomination forms will also be available Nov. 1 on Praxter & Gamble product displays in commissaries, or the form can be downloaded now at <http://www.commissaries.com>. The nomination process includes a requirement for a 500-word essay addressing one or more of the award criteria.

It's no coincidence that nominations are due just in time for Veterans Day. The inaugural American Military Spouse awards are part of the ninth annual American Veteran Awards, to be broadcast on The History Channel in February 2004 and also on American Forces Network at a later date. The spouse award recipients will attend the awards ceremony and taping in California, Nov. 20-23. The actual awards ceremony is Nov. 21.

For more information on the American Veteran Awards, go to <http://www.avashow.com>

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commented on the importance of the month-long observance.

"Diversity is exposure to other peoples cultures so that we can better understand each other. I think observances such as this help us come together in times of peace and in times of daily interaction so that we can better understand each others culture and the impact that it has on us."

Kearney said he wants the Soldiers of Fort Riley to learn and grow from experiences such as this one.

"I would hope that Soldiers take the chance to look at the displays and do a little homework and learn a little more about other people in the world," said Kearney. "The end result ought to be to diffuse some of the distress that comes from a lack of understanding and ignorance as to what other peoples' cultural signals really are."

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Garvin said the story of the woman in chains is one of the most well known ghost stories included in the tour.

"I think that anytime you have a lot of historical buildings, especially when there's been a lot of death like there was in the cholera epidemic, you're going to get some ghosts," said Garvin.

"I've never seen one myself, but I have heard things in my quarters, and from other people," she added.

According to Garvin, the tour has traditionally always been held on the Sunday before Halloween, setting the mood to bring out the true spirit of the Ghost Tours.

Stops along the tour include the Custer House, Bacon Hall, Public Affairs Office, Artillery Barracks, Building 500, Camp Forsythe, Old Trooper Monument, Calvary Parade Field and many others. Each has its own set of spooks and specters with their own role to play in Fort Riley's ghostly history.

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Garvin said the tour is a little different this year. Some stories have been added and some locations changed. "For those who took the tour last year, it's not going to be the same thing, but it's still going to be entertaining for everyone."

"There are some historic things pointed out along the way, but primarily this tour focuses on the ghost stories," said Garvin.

Garvin says her intention is to

have a storyteller in front of each of the buildings on the tour and a tour guide ushering the party between points. The more people involved in this program, the easier it will be to illustrate Fort Riley's particularly rich history of ghost stories, she said.

The walking tour is scheduled to take around an hour and a half, according to Garvin.

"I'm so excited about it, I really think this is going to be such a cool thing," she said.

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